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Police cruiser runs down fleeing suspect

ARRESTS For the second time in five months, police have used a vehicle to take down a suspect fleeing on foot.

A known gang associate was struck by an RCMP cruiser in Chilliwack and taken to hospital yesterday morning.

The man was listed in stable condition and was one of five gang associates arrested following a fight outside the Rock Night Club in Harrison Hot Springs.

After a brief vehicle chase, four men were arrested, including one who had been struck by a police cruiser.

Members of the emergency response team arrested a fifth man at a house in Chilliwack. A replica 9-millimetre handgun was recovered. A sixth man, wearing jeans and no shirt, escaped on foot.

In May, Randall Girard was struck by a police SUV and arrested after he allegedly stole a transport truck from a Pitt Meadows farm.

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Money, jobs in catering to pets

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper holds his press secretary's daughter Georgia Soudas, next to mother Elizabeth, in Ottawa before flying to Quebec City yesterday. **For more campaign coverage, including Lawrence Martin's election analysis, see page 6.**

Election won't be child's play: Harper

Tory leader downplays majority chances in 'tough' race

Moments after Prime Minister Stephen Harper triggered a federal election for Oct. 14 — the Tuesday after Thanksgiving — he downplayed prospects of a majority win, saying even a stronger minority government is a prize worth going to the voters a year early for.

Harper shrugged off legislation he passed that set October 2009 as the fixed date for the next general election. He denied his decision is motivated by opinion polls showing the Conservatives could do better than he is perhaps prepared to admit.

Instead, Harper argued that at a time of global economic uncertainty, when the Liberals are promoting a carbon tax and "shift" of the tax burden onto polluters, "we have come to a moment that requires the people of Canada to choose."

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion said Canadians have a "stark choice between two visions for our country," calling Harper's a "narrow-minded right-wing agenda."

NDP Leader Jack Layton ditched his party's usual appeal for the strategic voter. Instead of seeking the balance of power, Layton said he and his party are ready to take the reins.

BQ Leader Gilles Duceppe said his party was key to blocking a Conservative majority and added that Harper's "vision is inspired by (U.S. President) George W. Bush."

Green Party Leader Elizabeth May, who faces the biggest challenge to get an MP elected to Parliament for the first time ever, told voters to "wake up."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Election 2008

Leaders in Vancouver today

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper is in Vancouver today to kick off the second day of campaigning for the federal election, set to take place on Oct. 14.
- NDP Leader Jack Layton, who begins his day in the Northwest Territories, will speak today at the Italian Cultural Centre in East Vancouver at 4:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Andrew Dewberry's pirate ship-themed tree house will be taken down on Sept. 20

Dad forced to remove fort eyeing council seat

NOMINATION The Vancouver dad told by the city to take down the pirate ship tree fort he built for his children wants to run for city council.

Andrew Dewberry has applied to run under Vision Vancouver, which holds its nomination meeting this Wednesday.

Dewberry, a trained architect, built a tree fort in his front yard shaped like a pirate ship. When neighbours complained, he became involved in a long legal battle with the city until last month when he was told to take it down.

"For the most part families like us who live in Vancouver just want to do things for their kids and their neighbourhood," Dewberry said in a release. "My recent experience with the city has made me realize there is a lot that could be improved."

The fort will be auctioned off for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vancouver later this month.

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CBC

Mayencourt expected to run for Conservatives
Liberal MLA Lorne Mayencourt is expected to announce today that he is running as the Conservative candidate in the riding of Vancouver-Burrard. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

A famous guest

Peter Mansbridge, left, CBC's chief correspondent, will be the guest speaker at B.C.'s premier journalism awards. The 22nd annual Jack Webster Awards take place Nov. 6 at the Westin Bayshore. METRO VANCOUVER

Walk raises $4M for research

16,000 participants take part in fifth annual event for breast cancer

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Thunderbird Stadium was a sea of pink yesterday as 16,000 participants in the Weekend To End Breast Cancer walk, many of them in pink shirts and wigs, arrived for the closing ceremonies.

The fifth annual two-day event raised more than $4 million for breast cancer research.

Dörte Benecke, 42, from Surrey, who was diagnosed with breast cancer just after her daughter's first birthday, said taking part in the 60-kilometre walk as a survivor was emotional.

"I'm falling short of words," she said. "It's amazing. People are gathering all around you, strangers are sharing their stories."

She said preparing for the walk kept her going during the rough months of chemotherapy.

Benecke felt compelled to give back to the doctors and researchers that helped her through treatment and recovery.

"I had to make sure that the research goes on so my two daughters may never have to walk," she said.

Nick Locke, senior vice-president of development at the B.C. Cancer Foundation, said the survival rate for breast cancer has gone to 80 per cent, up from 60 per cent 15 years ago, thanks to funding events like the Weekend to End Breast Cancer.

KidsK walk

- About 80 children participated in this year's inaugural KidsK walk, which raised more than $20,000 for pediatric oncology research.

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Nancy Paul gets a high-five from supporters as she finishes the 60-kilometre Weekend To End Breast Cancer walk at UBC's Thunderbird Stadium yesterday.

Mushroom fumes victim identified

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ACCIDENT Police have identified one of the three workers killed in an industrial accident at a mushroom farm in Langley.

Ut Tran and two other men died on Friday when a pipe burst in a pump house at Farmer's Fresh Mushrooms Inc., leaking toxic fumes into the room. Three more men, including Michael Phan, were taken to hospital. Phan is in critical condition.

RCMP Const. Holly Marks said it's likely that one worker collapsed from the fumes, and when colleagues ran in to help they, too, collapsed. "Preliminary evidence suggests the workers succumbed to an oxygen-deficient atmosphere," Maks said.

The accident is under investigation by WorkSafeBC and the B.C. Coroner's Office.

News in brief

THEFTS Abbotsford Police are investigating a rash of more than 20 mailbox thefts in August. Most of the thefts occurred late at night in rural areas. Police said mail theft is directly linked to identity theft. METRO VANCOUVER

Lotteries

Friday, Sept. 5

Lotto Super 7	2, 6, 9, 19, 20, 32, 42. Bonus 7.
Extra	13, 19, 49, 66.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Lotto 6/49	2, 5, 9, 17, 32, 35. Bonus 36.
BC 49	2, 4, 28, 36, 40, 41. Bonus 48.
Extra	45, 61, 86, 89.

These results are not official.

Ellard's appeal win could mean fourth trial

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VIRK A woman convicted and sentenced to life in prison twice for her role in the drowning of Victoria teenager Reena Virk has been granted a new appeal and could face a fourth trial.

Two of the three judges on the B.C. Court of Appeal found on Friday that the judge in Kelly Ellard's third trial didn't explicitly warn jurors about how much weight to put on testimony of a witness.

Virk's parents told media on Friday that the criminal justice system is broken and a joke, and they plan to remain uninvolved in any new trial.

Ellard was 15 in 1997, when eight teenagers, seven of whom were girls, swarmed and beat 14-year-old Virk and left her to drown in a Victoria park.

Since then Ellard has been tried three times, one trial ending in a hung jury and two ending in second-degree murder convictions.

Ellard's defence appealed her conviction at her third trial, arguing the other person convicted in this case, Warren Glowatski, wasn't a credible witness.

Witnesses have testified that Ellard held Virk's head under water until she drowned.

The Crown has 30 days to file an appeal.

Case history

- Kelly Ellard's first murder conviction in 2000 was overturned on appeal three years later.
- Her second trial in 2004 ended with a hung jury.
- She was convicted of murder in her third trial in 2005, until an appeal was granted on Sept. 5, 2008.

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What's online today.

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Zoo officials hopeful spider monkey will be returned
It has been four months since a spider monkey was killed and another went missing from the Greater Vancouver Zoo. Staff are still confident that Mia will be returned. NEWS1130.COM

News in brief

REPRIEVE An Iranian man living in Vancouver ordered to be deported yesterday has been given a one-week reprieve. Hamid Shemshad, 38, has lived in Vancouver for eight years. He was arrested Aug. 30 because he lacks a visa. METRO VANCOUVER

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Team Piranha Trauma celebrates a heat win during the Red Bull Soapbox Race in Kitsilano yesterday. Thousands of people took in the race along Fourth Avenue as 50 teams competed for charity.

Tait jury offers police guidelines

RECOMMENDATIONS Police officers involved in lethal force shootings should be immediately reassigned, a coroner's jury in the death of 16-year-old Kyle Tait has recommended.

The jury deliberated for five hours Friday before making eight recommendations, CBC News Online reported.

They include mandatory stress and anger workshops for police officers, video cameras on all police cruisers and annual sight and hearing tests for officers.

Tait was shot and killed in August 2005 by New Westminster police Const. Todd Sweet, who testified the stolen SUV that Tait was in was ramming his cruiser when he fired three times. JEFF HODSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

Man charged with murder underwent recent brain surgery

A Maple Ridge man charged with killing two women when he crashed his pickup into a crowded sushi restaurant had recently undergone brain surgery for a head injury.

Brian Craig Irving, 51, appeared in Port Coquitlam provincial court Friday on two counts of murder and six counts of attempted murder after driving his truck into Halu Sushi on Aug. 28.

Maija-Liisa Corbett, 19, and Heyshim Oh, 46 died in the crash.

Irving, who was unable to attend two previous court appearances because of ill health, suffered a brain injury in February that required surgery, CBC News Online reported. He also suffers from alcoholism, but alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

He was ordered to undergo a psychiatric assessment and will appear in court Oct. 3. METRO VANCOUVER

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Quebec announces first listeriosis death

The Quebec government has ordered the recall of 11 cheeses because they may contain the listeria bacterium. The province said that one person had died and 14 others were sent to hospital because of listeriosis. Health officials said there could be as many as 24 cases. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada

Newfoundland next for Hanna

Residents of Newfoundland are preparing for heavy rains and high winds as the remnants of tropical storm Hanna approach the island. Environment Canada said the storm would hit the southwest corner of the province last night. Those areas can expect 40 to 60 millimetres of rain with winds gusting to 60 km/h.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Soldier killed, seven injured

Afghan roadside bomb claims 97th

A Canadian soldier was killed and seven were wounded yesterday when their armoured vehicle struck an explosive device while on patrol in southern Afghanistan, the military announced.

Sgt. Prescott Shipway

Sgt. Prescott Shipway of Shilo, Manitoba, was the 97th Canadian soldier killed since Ottawa sent troops to Afghanistan in late 2002.

Three Canadian soldiers were killed Wednesday when their armoured vehicle was attacked by Afghan militants.

Canada's top soldier Chief of Defence Staff Lt.-Gen. Walter Natynczyk has called a recent jump in attacks on his troops worrisome.

The seven soldiers who were wounded yesterday were reported to be in good condition, according to a statement from the Department of National Defence.

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Halifax **Canadian Snowbirds**

PAUL MCLEOD/METRO HALIFAX

Canadian Snowbird Capt. Sean Hanson and the rest of the Snowbirds manoeuvre a steep, banking turn during a flyover ahead of the Halifax International Airshow. Metro Canada's reporter Paul McLeod captured the action while along for the ride. The airshow, scheduled to run all weekend, was cut short yesterday as the area was hit by post-Tropical Storm Hanna.

NDP gets jump on PM on Google

POLITICS The New Democratic party has purchased ads on Google searches for Stephen Harper, the Conservative Party, Stéphane Dion, Liberal Party, Gilles Duceppe, Bloc Québécois, Elizabeth May and the Green Party.

What's the value of a name? Well, $6, for Stephen Harper. That's how much the NDP is paying each time someone clicks on the Jack Layton ad after entering the prime minister's name in Google's search engine.

News in brief

DRUGS A Canadian research study has found a new drug formulation that would allow diabetes patients to administer treatments once a week, instead of a current twice-daily routine. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Poll puts Tories on top
In an Ekos poll released yesterday, the Conservatives topped the survey with 37 per cent followed by the Liberals (24), NDP (19), Greens (10) and Bloc Québécois (6). METRO NEWS SERVICES

Election 2008

Who will shake things up?

Leaders in the spotlight must offer something new for Canadian voters

LAWRENCE MARTIN
for Metro Canada

As the election begins, Canadians have a wish. Surprise us somebody. Give us something to get excited about.

Poll after poll has shown a public turned off by ugly democracy, by the cheap games, by politicians on the low road.

The leader who can offer a turning of the page will be the one who gains.

Thus we see Prime Minister Stephen Harper offering a new look. He's coming on as Mr. Happy Face. After two and a half years of being labelled a control freak and a bully, he's going soft. Check the the doting-dad TV ads. "I play a lot of card games with my kids," he intones. "We go to movies."

Good work, pop!

The PM wants it to be a person campaign more than an issue campaign. One reason is his higher leadership ratings. Another is that his government lacks a big accomplishment. There's been some middling stuff — a GST cut, some refurbishing of the military, anti-crime legislation and national unity gestures. But on what many see as the big four issues — the economy, the environment, health care, the Afghan war — there's not a lot for the Conservatives to boast about.

News analysis

The election will likely pivot on the performance of Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion. If he significantly exceeds his terribly low expectations, it will be a horse race. If he conforms to his drippy image, the NDP will make gains, the Green party could win seats and Team Harper will romp to a majority.

Dion has to sell his Green Shift as a tax break as opposed to a tax grab. He has to come across as crisp and firm in his convictions. Yesterday, he tried reaching out to Quebec, where he is in big trouble, with a big new appeal to Quebec nationalists.

Like the others, NDP Leader Jack Layton is also shaking things up. Tired of third party status, he says he is now shooting for the No. 1 spot.

Harper isn't trembling in his boots over those delusions of grandeur. His only fear is the longshot chance that Dion rises from the dead.

In the last campaign, Harper entered the race, like Dion today, with a lowly image. He surprised many with a steady, competent performance. He got lucky and he won.

Jack Layton — Stephen Harper — Stéphane Dion
Torstar News Service Photos

Lawrence Martin is a Globe and Mail correspondent/columnist. He's authored 10 books and writes about national affairs from Ottawa.

Retiring

Foreign Affairs Minister David Emerson won't be seeking re-election on Oct. 14.

Familiar faces won't return

GOODBYE A partial list of MPs who won't be running in the fall election:

Conservatives
Dave Batters (Palliser)
Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay-Superior North)
Norm Doyle (St. John's East)
David Emerson (Vancouver-Kingsway)
Ken Epp (Edmonton–Sherwood Park)
Brian Fitzpatrick (Prince Albert)
Loyola Hearn (St. John's South-Mount Pearl)
Betty Hinton (Kamloops–Thompson–Cariboo)
Brian Pallister (Portage-Lisgar)
Carol Skelton (Saskatoon–Rosetown–Biggar)
Monte Solberg (Medicine Hat)
Myron Thompson (Wild Rose)
John Williams (Edmonton–St. Albert)

Liberals
Raymond Bonin (Nickel Belt)
Colleen Beaumier (Brampton West)
Brenda Chamberlain (Guelph)
Roy Cullen (Etobicoke North)
John Godfrey (Don Valley West)
Nancy Karetek-Lindal (Nunavut)
Paul Martin (LaSalle–Émard)
Bill Matthews (Random–Burin–St. George's)
Joe McGuire (Egmont)
Lucienne Robillard (Westmount–Ville Marie)
Andy Scott (Fredericton)
Paul Steckle (Huron–Bruce)
Belinda Stronach (Newmarket–Aurora)
Tom Wappel (Scarborough Southwest)

New Democrats
Bill Blaikie (Elmwood-Transcona)
Alexa McDonough (Halifax)
Penny Priddy (Surrey North)

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Campaign

TONY BOCK/TORSTAR NEWS
Stephen and Laureen Harper board the campaign plane leaving Quebec City yesterday.

Laureen Harper to accompany PM

TRAVEL Prime Minister Stephen Harper was joined by wife Laureen when he took the stage at a stop in Quebec City on the election's first day.

Word is she intends to campaign with him more than in previous election years, and may even venture out to do some election work on her own.

The couple's two children — Ben, 12, and Rachel, 9, — are remaining behind in Ottawa under the care of Harper's mother.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

36 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

Green issues set to play pivotal role in B.C. ridings

ROB ANNANDALE
for Metro Vancouver

The latest polls suggest the ruling Conservatives are heading into the federal election campaign on a high, but in B.C., where three parties won at least nine seats last time around, the outcome is anything but certain.

The biggest question mark, according to one pollster, is how voters will respond to the environment as an election issue.

"The main difficulty's going to be for the Liberals to actually sell a second carbon tax to B.C. residents," said Angus Reid's Mario Canseco.

Canseco believes Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, who made a big splash over the summer by unveiling his so-called Green Shift, needs to avoid turning the election into a referendum on the environment. Or his party could be in trouble in B.C., which recently became the first province to adopt a carbon tax, a move that has proved unpopular, especially with rural residents.

"It might actually become a two-party race, with the Conservatives trying to hold on to the ridings they already have, and the NDP maybe winning a few votes from the Liberals," said Canseco.

Previous election

- How B.C. voted in the 2006 federal election:
- Conservatives: 17 seats, 37.33 per cent of the vote share
- NDP: 10 seats, 28.54 per cent of the vote share
- Liberals: 9 seats, 27.62 per cent of the vote share

That's not to say British Columbians have turned their backs on green politics. Scott Matthews, a political studies professor at Queen's University, said he thinks the Green Shift is not necessarily a political loser even in a slumping economy, so long as the federal Liberals avoid the B.C. government's branding gaffes.

"I don't know why you'd call anything a tax," Matthews said. "Nobody likes taxes."

The other parties will face challenges of their own. The NDP will have to contend with the usual Liberal claim that every NDP vote helps the Conservatives, a strategy Matthews thinks could be more credible in this campaign since the Tories actually won the last election. He believes non-committed NDP supporters could have a major impact on B.C. riding results.

Although the Greens enjoy more support in B.C. than anywhere else in the country and have just gained their first-ever MP thanks to West Vancouver's floor-crossing Blair Wilson, there is little expectation Elizabeth May's party will win any seats next month.

Wilson sat as an Independent after being forced out of the Liberal caucus last year because of alleged campaign spending irregularities in 2006. He was later cleared of any wrongdoing.

Key ridings

- Vancouver Quadra: On March 17, Liberal MP Joyce Murray was elected by less than 1 per cent of votes in a byelection. Stephen Harper, who made an appearance in Vancouver the previous week, did not campaign with Murray's Conservative opponent, Deborah Meredith. The slim loss led many to suggest that had the prime minister campaigned with Meredith, she would have edged Murray.
- Vancouver Kingsway: Controversial floor-crossing Tory MP David Emerson has told media he will not seek re-election. The switch to the Conservative Party from the Liberal Party resulted in several protests here and in Ottawa by his constituents. This riding is likely to be regained by the Liberals.

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U.S.-India nuclear pact inches closer to reality

The Bush administration took a major step toward enacting a nuclear deal with India Saturday, when the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group blessed a U.S. proposal to lift a global ban on nuclear trade with India. Now, congressional approval is the last step to the deal. REUTERS

World/Business

Threads of state draw buzz

Wives of U.S. presidential candidates in style spotlight

Cindy McCain or Michelle Obama for the White House? Among fashionistas, the wives of presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama are drawing the kind of enthusiasm Nancy Reagan and Jacqueline Kennedy once attracted.

While Obama won fans for wearing a $150 dress on talk show The View, McCain drew attention for her expensive tastes; one outfit she wore at the Republican National Convention this week was estimated to be worth $300,000.

Palin meets press

- Sarah Palin will begin her first string of national media interviews likely starting Thursday or Friday this week, beginning with Charlie Gibson of ABC.

The choice a week ago of John McCain's running mate, Sarah Palin, who took part in beauty pageants in her youth, also has generated buzz, but her style doesn't quite compare to Obama or McCain's.

"That's a different look, because you have to look a little bit more serious and professional," said Mickey Blum, director of survey research at Baruch College.

Palin

The consensus at New York Fashion Week was that both potential first ladies have style. But most designers in the traditionally Democratic-leaning industry would rather dress Obama, who scored her second inclusion in Vanity Fair's annual International Best Dressed list this year.

"I am in the fashion industry, I live in New York — I'm probably not going to go for McCain to dress," designer Rebecca Taylor said.

"Michelle is really fresh and she could sort of go where Jackie O went given the right sort of tools and grooming," she said. "I think it could be nice for America to have somebody a little bit more stylish as their first lady." REUTERS

California **Hang 20**

REUTERS/MIKE BLAKE

A dog shakes off some water while catching a wave at the 3rd annual Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon in Del Mar, Calif., yesterday.

Civilian deaths from air strikes rising: Report

AFGHANISTAN The U.S. has stepped up its use of air strikes in Afghanistan, increasing civilian casualties, the New York-based group Human Rights Watch said in a report yesterday.

Civilian deaths due to air strikes in 2007 totaled 321, almost tripling the 2006 count, the report said. In the first seven months of 2008, at least 119 civilians were killed in air strikes.

They added the increase has led to "large numbers of civilian casualties, controversy over the use of airpower in Afghanistan, and intense criticism of U.S. and NATO forces by Afghan political leaders and the public." REUTERS

Business

Anti-counterfeiting pact creates worry

A proposed anti-counterfeiting pact has some intellectual property experts concerned it will lead to intrusions into the lives of innocent people, including border searches of music players and laptops by customs agents looking for illegally obtained material.

The Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, which U.S. trade representative Susan Schwab announced last October would be completed by the end of 2008, is currently being negotiated among several countries.

The treaty is supported by the movie and music industry and other businesses, which have aggressively sought to to defend their works from counterfeiting, commercial piracy and illegal copying over the Internet.

"Consumers have not been invited into to this process. It's a handful of industry and there's no balance."
Susan Sell

The treaty is being negotiated as an executive agreement, which means it will not require approval by the U.S. Senate.

All this worries Susan Sell, director of the Institute for Global and International Studies at George Washington University.

"Consumers have not been invited into this process. It's a handful of industry and there's no balance," she said. REUTERS

New CAW head blasts Tories

POLITICS Ken Lewenza, a local union leader from Windsor who has been named the new president of the Canadian Auto Workers, has roasted the federal Conservatives over their handling of Canada's manufacturing sector.

Lewenza, who was unanimously elected by about 500 CAW delegates at a convention in Toronto, blasted Prime Minister Stephen Harper for the country's beleaguered manufacturing industry and thousands of laid-off workers ignored for three years until last week.

"We've got to stop him in his tracks," Lewenza told the crowd, referring to the federal election campaign called yesterday. "We can't be fooled by his deceit.

He said it was hypocritical for the government to refuse financial aid to struggling companies, claiming it is not in the business of picking corporate winners and losers, but then turn around and give money to them in the last days before an election call. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

PAKISTAN Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of former Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto, swept to victory in a presidential election Saturday. Investors and allies hope the win will bring stability after months of political turmoil and rising militant violence. That same day, a car bomber killed at least 30 in the city of Peshawar.

CAIRO Egyptian workers cut through a railway embankment yesterday to bring heavy equipment to the site of a rock fall which killed at least 34 people in a Cairo shantytown. Giant rocks rolled off a nearby cliff onto houses and people Saturday, some weighing more than 200 tonnes. REUTERS

Ike hits Cuba and Haiti, nears Gulf

STORM Hurricane Ike roared ashore in northeastern Cuba yesterday with 120 mph winds, torrential rains and massive waves that rolled through coastal towns.

Ike's eye came ashore near Punta Lucrecia, about 510 miles southeast of Havana, after adding to deaths in Haiti and ripping through the southern Bahamas on a path to the Gulf of Mexico.

Crashing waves ahead of the Category 3 hurricane with 120 miles per hour winds swept inland in the coastal state of Baracoa, flooding low-lying areas and causing rivers to back up over their banks.

Ike began what forecasters said could become a two-day trek through the heart of Cuba, which is still reeling from the onslaught of Hurricane Gustav. Cuban officials said over 1 million people had been evacuated in a matter of hours yesterday.

Before heading to Cuba, Ike dumped more heavy rain on Haiti, where at least 47 people have died in the town of Cabaret.

Roofs were ripped off and power lines were knocked down at Great Inagua, the Bahamas' southernmost island, and Britain's Turks and Caicos islands.

Forecasters said Ike would likely enter the Gulf of Mexico, potentially threatening New Orleans. The Florida Keys islands have been evacuated as a precaution. REUTERS

Gaining steam

- Forecasters expected Ike to weaken to a Category 1 storm on the five-step Saffir-Simpson intensity scale over Cuba, but to regain Category 3 strength as it nears the U.S. Gulf coast.

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Values stay true

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola

Now in the seventh decade of my life, I look back at the world of my childhood, with its shared phone lines, ice boxes, radio soap operas, and no television, and it seems like an ancient, lost civilization. And yet the ideas and values I learned as a child seem every bit as important for today's youth, for whom rappers, billionaires and movie stars are role models.

When I was a boy, my father was a bigger-than-life figure, a wonderful storyteller who enchanted people with his outgoing personality. He was my hero. He took me camping and fishing and instilled in me a love of nature and the outdoors. When he came home from work, he always asked me what I had learned in school, and as I recounted my lessons, he seemed genuinely interested, often amplifying my information or correcting me. I loved those sessions, and I now realize that he was reinforcing my education by making me recount what I had learned.

My mother was the rock-solid foundation of the family. She was the first up in the morning and the last to bed at night, but unlike Dad, she did it quietly. I only understood how important she was as she developed Alzheimer's disease.

Both my parents are now dead, and in my own dotage, I think about the important lessons I want to pass on to my children and grandchildren — and I realize they are the same lessons I got from Dad. I can't help think they are not quaint ideas from the past but very modern ones that we need desperately today.

Today's youth are bombarded with news about the antics of Lindsay Lohan, Amy Winehouse and Jay-Z and look to them for inspiration, but that's all the more reason to listen to the words of our elders.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

Baby boom, population bomb

Eco-Minded

Kai Chan with Paul Ehrlich

Have you noticed the mini baby boom? Very soon, Kai and his wife, Ljuba, will add to it with their first baby. What environment will she inherit?

It depends on two crucial issues: Consumption, subject of a future column; and population. Deciding to bring a baby into this world is fundamentally an ethical decision, but most people don't see it that way. Some assume they should reproduce as many times as they like without considering their childrens' world. We disagree.

People in developed countries consume immense quantities of resources. Ecological footprint calculations tell us that if Earth's 6.7 billion people consumed as we do, we would need several more Earths to support us sustainably.

Techno-optimists claim that human ingenuity will save civilization and Earth's biota, but people generally use innovations to consume more resources for the same price, not to consume less.

But when governments regulate population (as in China), it can have bad side-effects. Fortunately, sustainable fertility is a natural byproduct of the empowerment of women, which is important for its own sake.

We can leave a rich environment for our children. We — and they — can lead fulfilling lives if we have two or fewer biological children.

Lecture at UBC

- Paul Ehrlich will give a biodiversity lecture at UBC on Sept 24.
- He will be speaking about his most recent book, The Dominant Animal: Human Evolution and the Environment, written with his wife, Anne.
- Tickets are free.

Kai Chan is an assistant professor and Canada Research Chair at the Institute for Resources, Environment, and Sustainability (IRES) at UBC. Paul Ehrlich is Bing Professor of Population Studies at Stanford University and author of The Population Bomb.

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Sports

Serena claims U.S. Open title

American Serena Williams, left, won her ninth grand slam title by beating tenacious Serbian Jelena Jankovic 6-4, 7-5 in a high-quality U.S. Open women's final yesterday. The 26-year-old broke Jankovic three times to take the opening set before saving four set points in the second to seal victory in two hours and four minutes, and regain the world No. 1 ranking. REUTERS

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Leos still have a long way to go

Win over Hamilton means little, as teams faces 'Riders in back-to-back games

Appearances can be deceiving; just ask the B.C. Lions.

To a man, the Lions were convinced that the team was far better than the 4-5 record they produced in the first half of the CFL season. Consistent with that theme, the Leos were quick to downplay all of the accolades that accompanied Saturday's 35-12 thrashing of the Ti-Cats. The reason is simple; inconsistency has been the Lions' Achilles heel this season, meaning the Hamilton result is worthless unless it is the catalyst for a string of quality outings.

The most encouraging development over the past two weeks has been the production of the offense under the direction of Buck Pierce and Jacques Chapdelaine. Pierce has completed nearly 79 per cent of his passes since regaining the starting job, and it's allowed the offense to develop a rhythm that has been absent all too often this season. It's much more than happenstance that this consistency has coincided with Chapdelaine's relocation from the booth to the sideline two weeks ago. The Lions' play caller is more in touch with his offensive personnel on the bench, and the subsequent player-coach interaction has resulted in better efforts from both parties.

But the back patting stops there until this club can deliver against the West. B.C. has just one win in five meetings with divisional opponents thus far, and the Lions will face the first place Saskatchewan Roughriders in back-to-back games beginning this Saturday. A pair of wins would not only put the Leos right back in the thick of the chase for the division title, but also serve notice that this team is actually as good as it believes it is.

"Pierce has completed nearly 79 per cent of his passes since regaining the starting job."

- While all of the Canucks' talk this summer has centered on a certain Swedish centre, it looks as though Vancouver will soon be taking steps to sign a different Swede and his brother. General manager Mike Gillis will sit down with the Sedins and agent JP Barry for the first time this coming Wednesday, and the subject of contract extensions will undoubtedly be broached. Both Henrik and Daniel have made it clear that they are willing to take a slight discount to remain in Vancouver, but each will want the assurance that they are signing to stay here, not to be traded.

The way that Gillis handles that issue will tell us a lot about him. If he is able to sign the twins and grants them no-trade clauses, the Canucks will have five players with such clauses next season. If he refuses to include no-trade clauses and the Sedins won't sign, Gillis risks losing the pair without compensation next summer. Either way, we'll gain insight into what's more important to the rookie GM: future control of his roster or return on investment.

How to make a Scott Rintoul: Mix equal parts college athlete, sports fan and broadcaster. Shake vigorously.

Sports in brief

NFL New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady might be done for the season after suffering a left knee injury in yesterday's 17-10 win over the Kansas City Chiefs. Yahoo! Sports, citing a source on the team, stated that Brady suffered ligament damage to the knee and will miss the rest of the season.

CFL Michael Bishop helped rally Saskatchewan from down 17 points in the fourth quarter and Luca Congi kicked the game-tying and game-winning field goals with under two minutes to play, as the Roughriders shocked the Winnipeg Blue Bombers with a 34-31 comeback win yesterday.

GOLF Colombian Camilo Villegas claimed his maiden PGA Tour title with a two-shot victory over Dudley Hart at the BMW Championship yesterday. Villegas sealed the win at the Bellerive Golf Club with a nervy final round two-under 68.
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Pampering boom for pets

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
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With an estimated value of $43-billion in the United States and $4-billion in Canada, the pet industry is creating more jobs than ever for fans of fluffy, furry critters.

A recent study by market research firm IBISWorld Inc. showed that veterinary services, pet pampering services and specialty pet products have grown steadily in the last nine years. IBISWorld senior analyst George Van Horn says employment figures at pet stores and veterinary clinics have increased an average of three to five percentage points every year since 1999 and one to two per cent in the pet grooming and boarding industry yearly over the same period, with similar proportional gains in revenue.

"People are taking better care of their pets and putting more money toward maintaining better lifestyles for their pets because they feel an attachment to them," Van Horn said.

According to the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), the number of vets in Canada grew from 7,967 in December of 1997 to 11,186 today. Kristin Wood, a spokesperson for the CVMA, says the growth of veterinary care shows that more pet owners than ever are demanding health services as good as they themselves receive, and pet clinics are responding.

"Pet owners are increasingly requesting the same quality of care for their pets as they expect for themselves and their family. Advances in veterinary medicine allow veterinarians and their health-care teams to offer that elevated level of service and care," Wood said.

Vicky and Dakota the beagle to the rescue

OddJobs

Diane Peters

In April 2007, when she was still getting all her pet detective skills in order, Vicky Vaughan ran into a woman at the Dartmouth, N.S., SPCA who had just lost her cat. "I asked myself: 'Should I, or shouldn't I?' Then I looked at her face and my heart broke," recalls the 43-year-old.

Vaughan and her husband Mario Audet drove to the woman's house that night. Vaughan got her beagle Dakota on the cat's scent and ten minutes later he found kitty hiding under a shed two doors down. "That told me this is the right thing to do," says Vaughan.

Only six months before that, Vaughan first heard about animal response technicians while watching Dogs with Jobs on TV. Who would help if one of her two cats were to go missing? "If no else is going to do it, I'm going to do it," she quickly decided. She flew down to California in October 2006 and took a course through Pet Hunters International (now called Missing Pet Partnership) that taught her how to use CSI-like techniques to find lost pets.

Back at home, Vaughan adopted Dakota from the pound and trained him to find her cats; first indoors and then hidden outside. She read up on cat behaviour and psychology.

After that first successful find, Vaughan put up her website Petdetective.ca and let word of mouth — much of it through the SPCA — find her work. She charges $175 per job and puts all her earnings back into the company. So far, she's found 65 pets and has an 80-per-cent success rate.

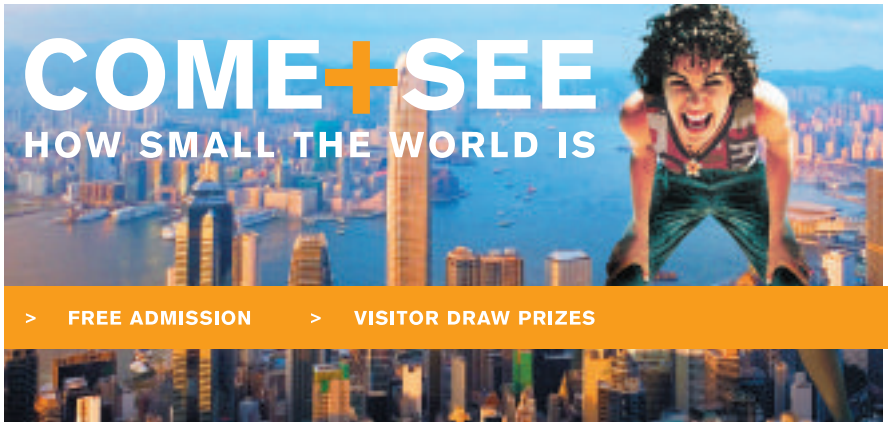
The gear and the dog are important, but so are her detective skills. She starts every search by interviewing the pet's owner to better understand how far it may have gone, how it will react if trapped and whether it's even tough enough to take up with a feral colony.

Vaughan gets calls from all over Nova Scotia and Canada as there are only two licensed pet detectives in the country. "I'd like to do this full time. I'd like to see it offered across Canada."

The Lowdown

Job title: Pet Detective
Salary: $175 per search
Education/Training: A five-day course offered by US-based Missing Pet Partnership
Best Part of the Job: "When the animal is home and everyone's happy, you just don't get better than that."
Worst Part of the Job: "When you just can't find the pet and you don't have any answers and the animal's probably deceased."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



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Entertainment

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Britney returns one more time

On-again, off-again queen of pop takes home three VMAs alongside Chris Brown, Lil Wayne

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The MTV Video Music Awards went Hollywood last night for an evening invasion of Tinseltown at Paramount Studios.

Flashy entrances were the order of the day as German alt-rock outfit Tokio Hotel pulled up in a deliciously over-the-top monster truck, while hip hop singer-songwriter T-Pain, not to be outdone, arrived riding an elephant.

Despite the cavalcade of stars, the excitement around these VMAs centred around one thing: Britney Spears' return to television.

Last year's gloriously horrifying implosion, where a chubbed-out Britney looked strung out and confused as she fumbled her way through an unrehearsed performance, was hard to top.

KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Britney Spears accepts the Best Female Video award for Piece of Me onstage at the MTV Video Music Awards yesterday.

As it turns out, Britney's nail-biting return was a bit of a letdown. The former queen of pop came briefly onstage to start the show and nervously flubbed her one line — "anniversity" is not yet a word in any English dictionary.

She did look fit and sober, however, and in a shocking turn of events that is sure to be debated hotly, took home the show's Moonman statues for Best Female Video, Best Pop Video and Video of the Year for her song Piece of Me. Rigged? Replay her acceptance speeches and make your own judgment.

Other winners included Chris Brown for Best Male Video, Lil Wayne for Best Hip Hop Video and Tokio Hotel for Best New Artist.

American Idol winner Jordin Sparks made the faux pas of the evening by insinuating people who don't wear abstinence promise-rings are sluts — to which acerbic host Russell Brand later jibed, "A little bit of sex occasionally never hurt anybody."

Former Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash's appearance onstage to present the award for Best Rock Video was a bit jarring — not because of his age, but more because the weathered rocker's artistic credibility felt strangely out of place at the same show where lipsynch queen Ashlee Simpson graced the stage.

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	256	389	12 VI	Robson Arms	TMZ (CC)	Sarah Connor Chronicles		America's Toughest Jobs (N)		High School Musical: Picture		News (CC)
	253	359	13 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		The World Is Not Enough ★★ (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau. (CC)						Reviews
	-	-	14 CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Gossip Girl (N) (CC)		One Tree Hill (N) (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Big Bang Th	How I Met	Two/Half Men	Old Christine	CSI: Miami "Ambush" (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Deal or No Deal (N) (CC)		America's Toughest Jobs		Dateline NBC (CC)		News (N)
	602	568	19 W	Will & Grace	Friends (CC)	How Clean	House	Love It or List It		Real Est	Kim	House
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	High School Musical: Picture		CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock (N) (CC)				News (N)
	-	-	23 KVOS	M*A*S*H	Seinfeld	Blind Fury ★★ (1990, Action) Rutger Hauer, Brandon Call.				King	Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)
	291	383	27 PBS	Steves Europe	Antiques	Antiques Roadshow (CC)		Stay Rich Forever & Ever With Ed Slott (CC)		Sex and-City	Andre Rieu: Live in Vienna	
	290	382	28 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles		Prison Break "Shut Down" (N)		News (N) (CC)		Family Guy
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	296	654	34 SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Cheers (CC)	South Park	Comics Un.	Half & Half	The Insider	Entertainment	Paid Program
	298	653	35 TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Gossip Girl (N) (CC)		One Tree Hill (N) (CC)		KTLA Prime News (CC)		Friends (CC)
	295	651	36 WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Two/Half Men	Sex and-City	Friends (CC)	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	My Wife-Kids
	297	652	37 WPX	CW11 News at Ten		Two/Half Men	Friends (CC)	Sex and-City	Will & Grace	Frasier (CC)	George Lopez	Odd Couple
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	615	520	31 A&E	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	Intervention "Sylvia" (CC)		Intervention After		Paranormal
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	627	528	45 SPC	Eureka "Bad to the Drone"		Stargate SG-1 "Full Alert"		Lost "Pilot" (CC)		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Star Trek
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	626	547	57 COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs (CC)		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	The Cho Show	Simple Life	Daily Show
	320	621	60 CEN	Stargate Atlantis (N) (CC)		Hairspray ★★★ (2007) John Travolta, Nikki Blonsky. (CC)				Premonition ★★ (2007) Sandra Bullock. (CC)		
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critics'corner

CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock

This two-hour special is the next best thing to being at the CMA Festival. Better, actually, since it's free and everyone has a good seat. Trace Adkins, Billy Ray Cyrus, Faith Hill, Jewel, Miranda Lambert, Sugarland, Taylor Swift and Dwight Yoakam are among the stars slated to perform, along with a few surprise guests. It's not all music, though; you'll also hear "awww"-inspiring stories of deserving fans who are rewarded with personal attention from their idols. 6 PM on CMT; 9 PM on ABC

Eureka

He's the local law now, but Jack Carter (Colin Ferguson) still doesn't know very much about what goes on at Global Dynamics ... only that the lab seems to be the source of most of the chaos in town. In the third-season premiere of this quirky sci-fi series, viewers will learn right along with Jack about Global Dynamics and the oddball denizens of Eureka. Frances Fisher ("Titanic") joins the cast as Eva Thorne, assigned to clean up the facility. 7 PM on SPC

Spears' mom denies sending Palin baby gift

Actress Jamie Lynn Spears' mother Lynne has denied reports she sent U.S. vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin's pregnant 17-year-old daughter Bristol a baby gift package on behalf of her daughter. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Allen speaks about spat with John

PEOPLE Lily Allen has spoken out about her spat with singer Elton John at a London awards show last week, People.com reports.

"Elton John and I are friends," the pop star writes in a new entry on her MySpace blog.

The online posting refers to an incident when an apparently tipsy Allen clashed with John at the GQ Men of the Year awards ceremony, which the pair co-presented on Sept. 2.

As Allen, 23, introduced a segment as a "very special point in the evening," John, 61, said, "What, you are going to have another drink?"

Allen shot back, "F— off Elton, I'm 40 years younger than you."

On her blog, Allen also denies that she was disgracefully drunk, claiming that she did nothing wrong by taking advantage of the free booze.

"I'm not defending my drunkeness because I don't need to, I'm 23 it was an awards ceremony, I drank the free champagne, how awful of me," she writes.

She also blames the media for over-hyping the supposed feud.

"Trying to create a feud on the other hand, and trying to make me out as being some rude little girl with a drink problem is just unfair," she says. "Elton and I exchanged jokes and there were no hard feelings at all, in fact neither of us gave it a second thought."

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Stefani's life improved

CHILDREN Gwen Stefani says having a second child has helped make her marriage stronger, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who gave birth to second son Zuma Nesta Rock last month, revealed her relationship with her husband, singer Gavin Rossdale, has improved since they welcomed their new child.

"Gavin loves being a dad and he wants to have a bigger family, too," she said. "I feel we are closer in many ways now that we are building something together outside our own crazy relationship. We feel so blessed to be able to share this experience together and see how we have both become more romantic and caring for each other, simply because we have seen how beautiful it is to have come this far together and started a new chapter in our lives."

Stefani also has a two-year-old son, Kingston, with Rossdale.

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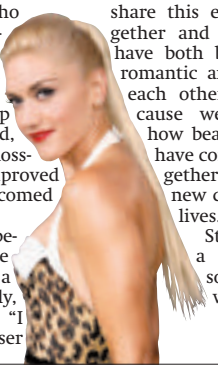

celebrity brief

Lohan turns down Playboy

PEOPLE Lindsay Lohan has turned down a $700,000 US offer to pose nude for Playboy magazine, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress posed nude as screen icon Marilyn Monroe in New York magazine earlier this year.

However, Lohan's representative reportedly told Playboy: "She's not going down the New York magazine road again."

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celebrity brief

Eva Mendes seeing therapist

HEALTH Eva Mendes has sought out a therapist to help her deal with fame, imdb.com reports.

The actress, who checked into rehab for undisclosed reasons earlier this year, admits therapy has helped her become a better star, and a more charitable one.

"Up until recently, I was really uncomfortable with having success and enjoying it," she tells Eonline.com.

"I just couldn't deal with that: 'How can I have so much? It's not fair.'"

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Moore finds love again

RELATIONSHIPS Singer/actress Mandy Moore has dated several fellow stars, but she found her latest love interest outside the Hollywood scene: He's an artist named Andre, intouchweekly.com reports.

"She is really into him and loves that he's not famous," says a friend. Ever since the pair met at a party two months ago, they've been inseparable.

"They don't go out late and both like being at home. She also loves that he's down-to-earth," the friend says. "She glows when she talks about Andre."

The 24-year-old was last linked to singer Ryan Adams, but broke up with him in early July.

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celebrity brief

Brown, Rihanna not shacking up

RUMOUR Singer Chris Brown has denied reports he has moved in with girlfriend Rihanna, insisting he's too young to play house with the singer, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pair sparked rumours they were engaged just last month after Rihanna, 20, was photographed wearing a diamond ring on her wedding finger, and now gossip columnists are hinting the couple is living together.

Speculation reached fever pitch last week when Brown revealed he was looking for a new home, but he now insists the place will be a bachelor pad.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Lindsay Lohan has reportedly turned down $700,000 US to pose nude for Playboy magazine. If you're scoring at home, that works out to roughly $1 per freckle.

At first glance, it would appear that someone with the surname Lohan has publicly exhibited a modicum of class, self-restraint, modesty and dignity. Normally, that would cause me to begin stockpiling canned goods in my basement and fashioning a tinfoil hat in anticipation of the end of the world as we know it.

But don't worry. These are the Lohans we're talking about. You know that 15 minutes after Lindsay turned down the offer, mother-of-the-millennium **Dina Lohan** was presenting younger sister **Ali Lohan** at **Hugh Hefner**'s door, complete with fake ID, and an offer to personally appear in the photo shoot at no extra charge.

My only question is how the drooling dean of defilement restrained himself from accepting.

I'm sure this is a case not of the principle, but of the price tag, being rejected. Lindsay must have been somewhat chuffed that the offer was less than seven figures, what with the sequel to Herbie, Fully Loaded certainly due to begin filming any day now.

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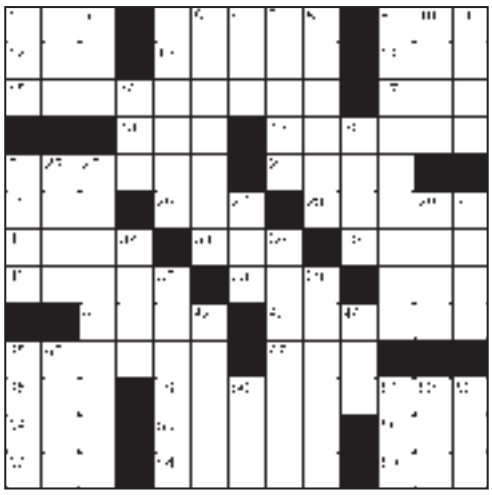
Lima makes acting debut

Supermodel Adriana Lima, right, will make her acting debut on an upcoming episode of Ugly Betty. Lima will be hired to pose on the pages of the show's Mode magazine's "sizzling hot issue." PEOPLE.COM

Take Five



Crossword down

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2 Personal question?
3 Moray
4 Expired, as a subscription
5 Loop member?
6 Blackbird
7 "— are red ..."
8 Logo
9 Card game for one
10 Admitting customers
11 Male deer
16 "Eewww!"
20 Make tea
21 Cuts the grass
22 From the beginning
23 Lawyer in London
27 Journal
29 Bridge
30 Weight
32 Verifiable
34 Whim
37 Landlord
39 Hot-water heater
42 Unemotional
44 Also
45 Get ready, for short
46 Took the bus
50 Cover
51 On the — vive
52 Samovar
53 Yang counterpart

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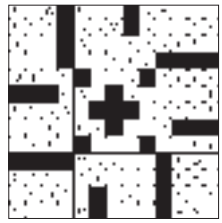
Crossword across

1 Shock partner
4 Perjurers
9 "Mayday!"
12 That woman
13 Bother
14 Choose
15 Egocentric's problem
17 Meadow
18 Vegas-based TV series
19 Receding
21 With face hidden
24 Kind
25 Yoko of music
26 Atl. state
28 Dog walker's tether
31 Ridge raised by a heavy blow
33 Sinbad's bird
35 Use a paper towel
36 Marble cake pattern
38 Tie up the phone
40 U.K. fliers
41 Pool hall supply
43 Powerful
45 Church VIP
47 Brazilian resort city
48 Deteriorate
49 "To be or not to be," e.g.
54 Tokyo's old name
55 Reserved or preserved
56 Swiss canton
57 Apiece
58 Actress Winona
59 Quaint stopover

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Contact with nature has a stimulating effect. It might be to your advantage to make a drastic change. Listen to advice, but go your own way.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Shake off undesirable companions. An unhappy co-worker has harsh things to say. A crook is caught doing an evil deed.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
People are shocked when you appear to be stubborn. A love affair develops intensity. There's a surprise concerning money.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A fateful encounter with an authority figure takes place. Strong feelings help you come out of your shell. Take good care of a vulnerable person.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
An unwelcome guest provides a positive experience. You can start relating well to a cynical person. A fascinating package will arrive.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Listen intently to a long-winded optimist. Shocking news is heard of a vital work issue. Be there for a friend who needs help.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A surprise guest provides a feeling of relief. A member of a clique needs a doctor. A former enemy creates a happier atmosphere.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
It's dangerous to act rashly. Do deep breathing to calm down. An unselfish person cringes when you sound off.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
A foreign country has an impact on a controversy. Everyone you meet has an interesting story to tell. A neighbour is put on the spot.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Ancient emotional history goes through your mind. A complex mix-up leads to hurt feelings. Don't be coerced into making decisions.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A babbling fool makes contact and gives joy. Dealing with possessions causes a racket. The way to heaven is found by a kind person.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
Sometimes you just have to say yes and bring flowers. Make plans with a special person. Controversial news brings affairs at work to a climax.

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7								6
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	7	9				5	6	

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13. . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21. . . . . Smart
21-25. . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising

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Temperature Normals
High: 19.4°
Low: 11.1°

Records
High: 26.2°/1981
Low: 6.1°/1959

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Moonrise: 4:35 p.m.
Moonset: 11:58 p.m.

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